



# **MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**14 February, 2012  
Adjourned to 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2012**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Adjourned Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held in the **Council Chambers** on **6<sup>th</sup> March**, commencing at 10.00am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Don Ramsland  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

## CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

**What is a "Conflict of Interests"** – A conflict of interests can be two types:

**Pecuniary** – an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.

**Non-Pecuniary** – a private or personal interest that a Council official has that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Local government Act (eg. A friendship, membership of an association, society or trade union or involvement or interest in an activity and may include an interest of a financial nature.)

### **Remoteness**

A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to a matter or if the interest is of a kind specified in Section 448 of the Local Government Act.

**Who has a Pecuniary Interest?** – A person has a pecuniary interest in a matter if the pecuniary interest is the interest of:

- The person, or
- Another person with whom the person is associated (see below)

### **Relatives, Partners**

A person is taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter if:

- The person's spouse or de facto partner or a relative of the person has a pecuniary interest in the matter, or
- The person, or a nominee, partners or employer of the person, is a member of a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter

N.B. "Relative", in relation to a person means any of the following:

- (a) The parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal descends or adopted child of the person or of the person's spouse.
- (b) The spouse or de facto partners of the person or of a person referred to in paragraph (a)

### **No Interest in the Matter**

However, a person is not taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter:

- If the person is unaware of the relevant pecuniary interest of the spouse, de facto partner, relative or company of other body, or
- Just because the person is a member of, or is employed by, the Council
- Just because the person is a member of, or a delegate of the Council to, a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter provided that the person has no beneficial interest in any shares of the company or body.

### **Disclosure and participation in meetings**

- A Councillor or a member of a Council Committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the Council or Committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.
- The Councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Council or Committee:
  - (a) At any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or Committee, or
  - (b) At any time during which the Council or Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

**No Knowledge** – A person does not breach this Clause if the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter under consideration at the meeting was a matter in which he or she had a pecuniary interest.

### **Participation in Meetings despite Pecuniary Interest (S452 Act)**

A Councillor is not prevented from taking part in the consideration or discussion of, or from voting on, any of the matters/questions detailed in Section 452 of the Local Government Act.

**Non-Pecuniary Interest** – Must be disclosed in meetings.

There are a broad range of options available for managing conflicts & the option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. Non-Pecuniary conflicts of interest must be dealt with in at least one of the following ways:

- It may be appropriate that no action be taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However, Councillors should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.
- Limit involvement if practical (eg. Participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (eg. Relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict)
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue as if the provisions in S451 of the Local Government Act apply (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary interest)

### **Disclosure to be Recorded (S453 Act)**

A disclosure (and the reason/s for the disclosure) made at a meeting of the Council or Council Committee or Sub-Committee must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2012 AT 10:07AM**

**PRESENT**

Clr B Murray (Mayor)  
Clr D Lane (Deputy Mayor)  
Clr I Woodcock  
Clr L Walford  
Clr G Colless  
Clr J Keir  
Clr M Martinez  
Clr R Greenaway  
Don Ramsland (General Manager)  
Mr Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)  
Mr Prafulla KC (Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services)  
Mr S Holland (Director Corporate Services)  
Mrs J Campbell (Minute Secretary)  
Miss J Farkas (Minute Secretary)

**Welcome to Visitors**

The Mayor welcomed all visitors to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

**Apologies**

**2/2012/1 Apologies – 6 March 2012**

**Resolution:**

1. That apologies from Clr Smith be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

**Public Forum Presentations**

**Mr Jasper Jones – Item 19 Grawin Postcode Request**

Mr Jones addressed Council regarding the issues that are faced with Grawin residents by not declaring Grawin as a locality. He raised concerns particularly related to mail services as not many businesses or companies recognise Grawin on their systems. He further advised that prior to 1995, Grawin was listed under the postcode of 2832.

**Mrs Jan Morgan – Item 19 Grawin Postcode Request**

Mrs Morgan addressed Council regarding the receiving of mail issues that Grawin residents are currently facing. Mrs Morgan advised that the world has now become computerised and because Grawin is not recognised as a locality, they are unable to receive their mail through the system. She further advised that when you type in Grawin or 2832, only Walgett, Come by Chance and Cryon come up and there is no provision for Grawin on people's systems.

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

Nil

**Confirmation of Minutes/Matters Arising**

**2/2012/2 Minutes of Council meeting – 20 December 2011**

**Resolution:**

1. That the minutes of the Council meeting held 20 December 2011 be confirmed.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports**

**2/2012/3 Maintenance of Grounds – Collarenebri Racecourse**

**Resolution:**

1. Council to discuss Option 2 with the Users Group at its next meeting.
2. Council advise Mr. Furnell formally regarding the decision

**Moved:** Clr Geenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

## **Mayoral Minutes**

2/2012/4 Mayoral Minute December 2011/February 2012 Floods

### **Recommendation:**

That Council

1. Make representations for the provision of flood gauges on the Thalaba Creel at the Alfedri Bridge and Avondale
2. Request the State Emergency Service and Bureau of Meteorology to review “minor,” “moderate” and “major” flood classifications for the Barwon River at Collarenebri
3. Forward a letter of thanks to the Zell family at Pokataroo and local Council staff and SES volunteers.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

## **Motions of which Notice has been given**

Nil

## **Presentation of Petitions**

N/A

## **Councillors Questions From Last Meeting**

### **Clr Smith**

#### **Question 1:**

Local contractor at Collarenebri – Pokataroo is not being utilised to carry out lawn mowing and slashing around the highways and towns. He submitted his tender paperwork in June 2011 and when he followed it up; he was advised that it had been lost. He resubmitted the paperwork in November this year and still has not heard anything?

#### **Response:**

The Director Engineering Services advised that the local contractor concerned has been included on Council’s Plant Hire Contractors list and is being engaged when appropriate.

### **Clr Keir**

#### **Question 1:**

Just wanted put in a reminder about the bus stop at the Burren Preschool, I don’t want it to be forgotten?

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**Response:**

The Director Engineering Services advised that the box culvert has been ordered and is waiting for its delivery. He further advised that the culvert was to be in Walgett about 3 weeks ago.

**Clr Murray**

**Question 1:**

Has there been any further progress with the dump site at Burren Junction?

**Response:**

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that as soon as resources are available, an appropriate dump point will be designed and costed. A case will then be put to Council for funding.

**Question 2:**

Can all general correspondence and complaints receive a letter or email saying that their letter /email has been received and forwarded to the appropriate person?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate Services advised there is currently a standard response letter that should be used. However there is a need to revise Council's procedures to ensure all incoming correspondence items are captured (Letter, email etc) and appropriate responses sent.

**Question 3:**

Quarterly Shire Newsletter should be restarted?

**Response:**

The Director Corporate Services advised that the Monthly newsletter will be published at least quarterly in future and monthly where the need is identified.

**Clr Colless**

**Question 1:**

Have we had a State of Emergency declaration as yet?

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that he has applied for a declaration and is waiting for a response. Councillors have been advised of this. It should be noted that the two declarations have now been made by the minister for Emergency Services, the first on 19 January 2012 and the second on 14 February 2012.

**Clr Woodcock**

**Question 1:**

The Bore baths at Burren Junction are currently closed, is this correct and why?

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that the Bore Baths have been closed for summer as usually occurs. He further advised that he had spoken with Burren Junction Precinct Committee Member, Brett Stevens about the matter; Mr Stevens advised him that no one uses the baths over the Christmas season and it was not worthwhile keeping them open.

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure services further advised that the Burren Junction Bore baths are currently closed for the summer period and are scheduled to reopen 6/3/2012

**Reports of Delegates and Representatives**

**2/2012/5 Award Consultative Committee Minutes**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council received and note the minutes of the Award Consultative Committee meeting for 8 November 2011.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**CARRIED**

**Reservation of items for Debate**

Nil

**Reports of Officers**

**2/2012/6 Council Quarterly decisions Action Report – February, 2012**

**Resolution:**

1. That the action register be received and noted

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

10.24am Clr Greenaway left the meeting  
10.35am Clr Greenaway returned to meeting

**2/2012/7 Circulars received from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association of NSW – February 2012**

**Resolution:**

1. That the information contained in the weekly circulars from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

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### 2/2012/8 Circular received from the Division of Local Government – February 2012

**Resolution:**

1. That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 11-37 to 11-42 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.
  - Circular to Councils 11/43 – Public Interest Disclosures – New reporting Requirements
  - Circular to Councils 12/01 – Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme Guidelines
  - Circular to Councils 12/02 – Procurement from Disability Employment Organisations
  - Circular to Councils 12/03 – Release of Swimming Pools as 1992 review discussion paper

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

### 2/2012/9 Monthly Calendar – February 2012

**Resolution:**

1. That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period February 2012 to April 2012.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

### 2/2012/10 Agreement for sourcing extractive materials - MOU

**Resolution:**

1. That the action taking by the General Manager in negotiating an MOU with the Department of Primary Industries for the sourcing of extractive materials for emergency road repairs be endorsed.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**CARRIED**



**2/2012/11 Lightning Ridge Opal Mining Report - Submissions**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council to invite both the Minister for Mining Resources and the Minister for Western NSW to meet with the full Council to consider what future action should be taken with regards the Wilcox Report

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

**2/2012/12 Supplementary Report – Flood Recovery**

**Resolution:**

1. For Council's Consideration
2. That an approach be made to the RFDS to see if they are interested in establishing an RPT service into Walgett and Lightning Ridge.
3. Expressions of interest from appropriately experienced operators interested in establishing an RPT service into Walgett and Lightning Ridge with a view to being able to demonstrate to the State Government that there are commercial operators interested in re-establishing services.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

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**2/2012/13 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from General Manager – February 2012**

**Resolution:**

1. That the matters listed by the General Manager for brief mention or information be received and noted.
  1. Tourism Conference - Gunnedah
  2. 2012-2012 Better boating Program
  3. ICAC – Corruption risks in NSW Government Procurement – The Management Challenge – December 2011 report
2. That Council accept the grant of \$79,200 for the 2011/2012 Better Boating Program for the upgrade of the Collarenebri Boat ramp, and that an income and votes expenditure for all income/expenses relating to the grant be created including a Council contribution of \$26,400
3. That Council write a letter to Maritime Services regarding a suspected snag in the Barwon river at Collarenebri just near the bridge.

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

**2/2012/14 Report on Youth Development and Services – October 2011 – December 2011**

**Resolution:**

1. That the quarterly report on Youth Development and Services for the period October 2011 – December 2011 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Colless

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

**2/2012/15 Walgett Shire Council Libraries Quarterly Report October to December 2011**

**Resolution:**

1. That the Walgett Shire Libraries quarterly report October – December 2011 be accepted

**Moved:** Clr Keir

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

**2/2012/16 Report on Walgett Library Building Extension**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council endorse the submission of application to NSW Library Council for the extension of Walgett Library and that an amount of \$80,000 be considered for inclusion in the draft 2012/13 budget for the extension of the Walgett Library.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**2/2012/17 Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 31 December 2011**

**Resolution:**

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 December 2011 be received.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Colless

**CARRIED**

**2/2012/18 Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 31 January 2012**

**Resolution:**

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 January 2012 be received.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

11:37am Council adjourned for a small break

11.54am Council returned from a small break, all previously present again in attendance

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**2/2012/19 Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 December 2011**

**Resolution:**

That Council note the quarterly budget review for the period to 31 December 2011 and adopt the changes as follows:

|                                                            |  | <b>EXPENSE</b> | <b>INCOME</b>    | <b>TOTAL</b>     |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Asset Management Plan Grant                                |  | 30,000         | - 30,000         |                  |
| Healthy Living Communities                                 |  | 566,000        | - 566,000        |                  |
| Interest Received from Investments                         |  |                | - 150,000        |                  |
| Corporate Services Salaries and wages including on-costs   |  | - 35,000       |                  |                  |
| Corporate Services administration staff contractors        |  | 35,000         |                  |                  |
| General Legal Expenses                                     |  | - 10,000       |                  |                  |
| Corporate Services Subscriptions - Journals & Publications |  | - 4,000        |                  |                  |
| Premium - Liability Effluent Re-use                        |  | - 25,000       |                  |                  |
| IT Licensing                                               |  | 15,000         |                  |                  |
| IT Lease Payments                                          |  | - 15,000       |                  |                  |
| Rates Consultancy Fees                                     |  | - 5,000        |                  |                  |
| Rates - Discount Expenses                                  |  | - 8,000        |                  |                  |
| Community Services Salaries and wages including on-costs   |  | - 50,000       |                  |                  |
| Alive and Well project expense                             |  | 16,449         |                  |                  |
| Contribution to Regional Library                           |  | 122,000        |                  |                  |
| General Staff - Salaries & Wages - Public Order and Safety |  | - 13,000       |                  |                  |
| General Staff - Salaries & Wages - Planning                |  | - 24,000       |                  |                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                               |  | <b>595,449</b> | <b>- 746,000</b> | <b>- 150,551</b> |
| <b>Water</b>                                               |  |                |                  |                  |
| Mains Emergency Repairs Natural Disaster                   |  | 25,000         |                  |                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                               |  | <b>25,000</b>  | <b>-</b>         | <b>25,000</b>    |

|                                    | <b>Expense</b> | <b>Income</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Sale of Dwellings / Properties     |                | - 40,000      |                |
| Walgett Levee Rehabilitation Grant |                | - 72,500      |                |
| Walgett Levee Upgrade              | 95,809         |               |                |
| Footpath Replacement program       | - 24,328       |               |                |
| Burren Junction Bore Baths works   | 8,519          |               |                |
| Computer Equipment Replacement     | - 10,000       |               |                |
| Authority upgrade                  | 20,000         |               |                |
| Reduction of Plant Sales income    |                | 180,000       |                |
|                                    | <u>90,000</u>  | <u>67,500</u> | <u>157,500</u> |

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

**2/2012/20 Council Investment Policy and Procedures**

**Resolution:**

1. That the action of the General Manager to place an additional \$500,000 with the National Australia Bank (NAB) be endorsed.
2. That the General Manager be delegated the authority to invest up to \$2,000,000 with approved institutions to maximise the investment return to council

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**CARRIED**

**2/2012/21 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director Corporate Services – February 2012**

**Resolution:**

1. That the matters listed by the Director Corporate Services for brief mention or information be received and noted.
  - \* Healthy Communities – Walgett Shire Program
  - \* September 2012 Local Government Election
2. That Council formally accept the Healthy Communities Program grant from the Department of Health and Ageing in the sum of \$566,042.00 for the purpose of delivering the Healthy Communities Program.
3. That Income and Expenditure Accounts be created in the 2011 / 2012 ledger for the Healthy Communities – Walgett Shire Program.

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Woodcock

**CARRIED**

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### 2/2012/22 Grawin Postcode Request

**Resolution:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to defer until its March Meeting the following recommendation:

1. Note Jan Morgan's request for the establishment of the Grawin opal fields as a locality to enable Australia Post to allocate it with a post code.
2. That the Director Planning and Regulatory Services prepare a report for the next Council meeting on a draft proposal for the proposed locality of Grawin and Council also write to GGSMA seeking an expression of opinion with regards to the Postcode issue.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

### 2/2012/23 Report on Development Application Rural Subdivision

**Resolution:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolved to delete consideration of this matter until the 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 Meeting where the applicant will be able to attend.

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**Planning Division:**

**For:** Clr Martinez, Clr Walford, Clr Lane, Clr Keir, Clr Woodcock, Clr Greenaway, Clr Colless, Clr Murray

**Against:** Nil

**Note:** Clr Smith was absent at this meeting

**CARRIED**

### 2/2012/24 Development and Complying Development Certificate Application

**Resolution:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificates applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority during November and December 2011

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway  
**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

**2/2012/24 Policy for geological resource exploration on Council land**

**Resolution:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note that no submissions have been received regarding the publicly exhibited policy titled "P&R – Geological Resource Exploration on Council Land".
2. Adopt the policy titled "P&R – Geological Resource Exploration on Council Land".

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway

**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

**2/2012/25 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Planning & Regulatory Services**

**Resolution:**

1. That the report by the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services on matters for brief mention, or information only, be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Colless

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

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**2/2012/26 Application for Replacement Title – Lindberg Lot 8 DP 833122**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council authorise the General Manager to execute a Statutory Declaration and Transfer to enable Mr and Mrs Lindberg to apply for a replacement Certificate of Title. For lot 8 DP 833122

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**CARRIED**

**2/2012/27 Walgett Taxi Shelter – 2011/2012 Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council formally accepts grant offer for the amount of \$14,409 from Minister of Transport to construct a Taxi Shelter, Fox Street Walgett
2. Council vote for income and expenditure to be included in the 2011/2012 budget for the Construction of the New Shelter be programmed for completion by 31 May, 2012

**Moved:** Clr Greenaway  
**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**

**2/2012/28 Maintenance work in Parramatta Road at Glengarry and Grawin by Glengarry, Garwin, Sheepryard Miners Association Inc.**

**Resolution**

1. That Council approve the invoice from GGSMA in the amount of \$18,000 for payment and that the cost be charged against 2010 flood damage Programme.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**2/2012/29 Monthly report from Director Engineering Services – February 2012**

**Resolution:**

1. That Council receive and note the monthly road and bridge report.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Lane

**CARRIED**



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12.44pm Clr Walford left meeting  
12.45pm Clr Walford returned to the meeting

### **2/2012/30 Monthly flood works Report from Director Engineering Services – February 2012**

#### **Resolution:**

1. That Council receive and note the monthly February 2012 flood works report.

**Moved:** Clr Colless

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

### **2/2012/31 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director Engineering Services – February 2012**

#### **Resolution:**

1. That the matters listed by the Director of Engineering Services for brief mention or information be received and noted.

1. Black Bridge on Billybingbone Road – Future replacement Requirement

**Moved:** Clr Lane

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

## **Reports of Committees**

Nil

## **Questions for the next Meeting**

### **Clr Woodcock**

#### **Question 1**

There is a grader that is located at Collarenebri, why is it not being used?

#### **Response:**

The General Manager advised that he will investigate the matter

### **Clr Keir**

#### **Question 1**

Can some gravel be placed on the road to the Carinda cemetery for people to attend a funeral, the surface is impassable during wet weather at present.

**Question 2**

Have we received the culvert for the bus stop at Burren Junction?

**Question 3**

Is there a time frame when the money needs to be spent for the Roads To Recovery Programme?

**Response:**

The Director of Engineering Services advised that the money needs to be spent by 2014.

**Clr Greenaway**

**Question 1**

Has any steps been put into place to replace Trevor Campbell's position?

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that the position was advertised and we are currently waiting to interview applicants

**Question 2**

In last year's flood James Abel did some mapping and made a slide show of the floods, did he do that for this year's flood?

**Response:**

He was relieving in the role as SES controller at Lightning Ridge and did not have the chance to create one for the current floods

**Clr Colless:**

**Question 1**

What is the progress for Plant & truck?

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that Greg Leersen went to Lismore and Toowoomba to check on the progress of both the truck and trailer and they will be arriving in 2 weeks.

**Question 2:**

Can we please have signs erected at Gingie Road to have the road turn from two lanes to one lane, so that we can preserve the road condition?

**Response:**

The Director Engineering Services advised that he will investigate this matter.

**Clr Martinez:**

**Question 1**

The intersection at Opal and Pandora Street Lightning Ridge, needs assessing, could this please be looked into?

**Question 2**

The entrance into Khan's supermarket at Lightning Ridge has collapsed and needs repair on the Council

**2/2012/32 Move into Closed Session at 1:01pm**

**Resolution:**

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

**Moved:** Clr Walford  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

**CARRIED**

**Confidential Reports/Closed Council meeting**

**Clr Martinez**

**Question 1:**

There was a job for Kerb and guttering for a program in Walgett where there was no advertising done, however quotes were sought. One local contractor provided a quote and was approached by a Council engineer who said that he would provide him with an order number for the job. In a further conversation with that Engineer the local contractor was told that he did not get the job and that was given to someone else.

Clr Martinez further advised that Council resolved a few months back that any works over \$3000 to be advertised to allow for local contractors to apply for the jobs.

**Response:**

The General Manager advised that he will investigate the matter further.

Resolved that Council move out of closed session

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

Resolved that the report of the closed session be received and noted

**Moved:** Clr Lane  
**Seconded:** Clr Greenaway

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 1.15pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 27 March 2012.

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Mayor

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General Manager